



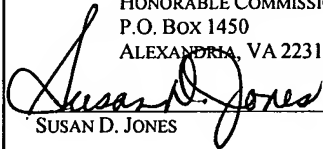
**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
<b>Bhashyam Ramesh, et al.</b>	§	Group Art No. <b>2172</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/661,245</b>	§	
	§	Examiner: <b>Jean M. Corrielus</b>
Filed: <b>September 12, 2003</b>	§	
	§	
For: <b>Clustering Strings Using N-Grams</b>	§	
	§	Attorney Docket No.: <b>11092</b>

**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The Examiner specified a three-month shortened statutory period, so this Response is due by January 20, 2006. A Notice of Extension of Time for one month is enclosed extending the period for reply to February 20, 2006, which was a holiday for the USPTO. This Response is filed on the first business day after February 20, 2006. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims**, if any, are reflected in the “Listing of Claims” which begins on page 4 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.